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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 4, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1, 6, 11, 17, 19, 19 and 24 have been amended.

--1. A server system for establishing a communication path connecting an originating router to a destination router via other routers along the path, the server system having a location that is independent of the communication path, comprising:

a server adapted to

receive a session request for establishing the communication path for transmitting information from the originating router to the destination router;

send a message to the originating router in response to the session request, the message including a request to reserve resources for transmitting the information; and

monitor the routers in the communication path to determine whether sufficient resources exist to establish the communication path in accordance with the session request.

2. The server system according to claim 1, wherein the session request includes a request for a quality of service (QoS service) session.

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